

National Packaging Waste Database

Summary of Portable Batteries Data for the Q1 2026 Compliance Period - as at 26 MAY 2026

Data Summary

The UK collection rate is calculated from the weight of waste portable batteries for which schemes supply battery evidence notes in 2026. Evidence can be issued by ABTOs and ABEs on all waste portable batteries received for treatment/export in 2026. Compliance schemes have until 31 May 2027 to obtain evidence to meet their members' obligations for the 2026 compliance period.

UK Collection Rate Target for 2026 - 45%

Number of UK Scheme Members in 2026 - 610

Portable Batteries Placed on the UK Market in 2026 to date - 9736.718 tonnes

The UK target collection tonnage for 2026 is 45% of the average annual amount of portable batteries placed on the UK market by scheme members and small producers in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Since only partial data for 2026 is held the total year's data has been estimated based on Quarter 1 data.

Average Amount of Portable Batteries Placed on the UK Market by Scheme Members and Small Producers in 2024, 2025 and 2026 - 43,970.313 tonnes

Indicative UK Obligation for 2026 - 19786.641 tonnes

Tonnage of Waste Portable Batteries Collected in the UK in 2026 to April - 4848.973 tonnes

Tonnage of Waste Portable Batteries Delivered for Treatment in the UK in 2026 to April - 4848.973 tonnes

Tonnage of Waste Portable Batteries Evidence Notes Accepted for 2026 to date of publication - 4846.646 tonnes

UK Collection Rate for 2026 to date - 11.02%

Section 1 - Portable Batteries Placed on the Market Data

Table 1 - Portable Batteries Placed on the Market in 2026 by Compliance Scheme Members per Quarter (tonnes)

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Pb / acid	345.761	-	-	-	345.761
Ni-Cd	12.788	-	-	-	12.788
Other	9,378.169	-	-	-	9,378.169
Total	9,736.718	-	-	-	9,736.718

Notes:

For the purposes of calculating the indicative obligation, the Quarter 1 total placed on the market figure is prorated to 39,117.1515 tonnes to give an estimated figure for the whole year's data.

Table 2a - Portable Batteries Placed on the UK Market in 2025 by 2026 - Registered Scheme Members and Small Producers (tonnes)

	2025 Market Data by Scheme Members	2025 Market Data by Small Producers	Total
Pb / acid	1,705.552	10.094	1,715.646
Ni-Cd	106.627	5.323	111.950
Other	48,638.677	163.723	48,802.400
Total	50,450.856	179.140	50,629.996

Table 2b - Portable Batteries Placed on the UK Market in 2024 by 2026 - Registered Scheme Members and Small Producers (tonnes)

	2024 Market Data by Scheme Members	2024 Market Data by Small Producers	Total
Pb / acid	1,706.926	13.066	1,719.992
Ni-Cd	185.363	5.503	190.866
Other	40,110.082	142.850	40,252.932
Total	42,002.371	161.419	42,163.790

Notes:

Battery Compliance Schemes' obligations are based on the average amount of portable batteries placed on the UK market in 2024, 2025 and 2026 by their scheme members only, schemes were therefore obligated to obtain a set proportion of evidence in 2026. Previously reported data can change as a result of resubmitted data returns either for new scheme members or to correct errors.

Section 2 - Waste Portable Batteries Data

Table 3 - Waste Portable Batteries collected by Battery Compliance Schemes reported in 2026 (tonnes)

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Pb / acid	2,123.558	-	-	-	2,123.558
Ni-Cd	302.180	-	-	-	302.180
Other	2,423.235	-	-	-	2,423.235
Total	4,848.973	-	-	-	4,848.973

Table 4 - Waste Portable Batteries Delivered by Battery Compliance Schemes to Approved Battery Treatment Operators and Approved Battery Exporters reported in 2026 (tonnes)

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Pb / acid	2,123.558	-	-	-	2,123.558
Ni-Cd	302.180	-	-	-	302.180
Other	2,423.235	-	-	-	2,423.235
Total	4,848.973	-	-	-	4,848.973

Table 5 - Waste Portable Batteries Received by Approved Battery Treatment Operators and Approved Battery Exporters from Battery Compliance Schemes reported in 2026 (tonnes)

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Pb / acid	2,132.217	-	-	-	2,132.217
Ni-Cd	302.180	-	-	-	302.180
Other	2,423.240	-	-	-	2,423.240
Total	4,857.637	-	-	-	4,857.637

Notes:

The data in Table 5 is higher than the data in Tables 3 and 4, this is due to a data discrepancy between multiple ABTOs and Battery Compliance Schemes. The Environment Agency are looking into this and the data discrepancy will be resolved by Q2 2026.